



Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council

DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A NETWORK PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES AND A SENSE OF BELONGING AND INTERDEPENDENCE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Ultra-Wideband
ETDocket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas,

I am writing as the Executive Director of the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council (OSILC) in response to the FCC's notice of PROPOSED RULEMAKING on ultra wideband radio.

As the director of the OSILC, an advocacy organization that supports and promotes independent living for all types of disabilities, this new technology is potentially valuable to persons attempting to live independently.

People with disabilities living alone could particularly benefit from this technology in that it would be able to immediately call for emergency assistance. It would also enable emergency personnel to precisely locate said person. It is one more technological development that would allow individuals with disabilities to live outside of institutional facilities and remain in the community.

OSILC sincerely hopes that the FCC will promptly take action and make a positive decision regarding the utilization of ultra wideband radio technology so that people with disabilities can pursue an independent lifestyle.

Sincerely,

Woody Osburn
Executive Director

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